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City of Chelsea

Outdoor Dining





OUTDOOR DINING ORDINANCES

Location & Dimensions

01 Site

On sidewalks (along the façade or the curb), in parking spaces, in alleys

03 Containment

Enclosure of the area by fencing

02 Size

Special rules under COVID-19 expand the available area while still very near the entry to the business.





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Design & Layout

01 Site
Clear path of travel required with exit onto sidewalk

03 Equipment
Free standing, matching seating and tables. Umbrellas. Heaters possible with approval of Fire Department

02 Set Backs
Space required away from stop signs, ramps, loading zones, hydrants, utilities, etc.

04 Occupancy
Does not impact parking requirements or overall occupancy of the establishment.



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Operations

01 **Hours**
Available only during
establishment's operating hours.
All equipment stored when
business is closed.

02 **Use**
Permit includes food and
beverage service. Other activities
like music require appropriate
licensing.

03 **Restrictions**
All food safety laws apply like shirts &
shoes required, service animals only.
No smoking permitted.

04 **Maintenance**
Business supervises activities in the
area and maintains a clean and tidy
area.



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COVID-19 Safety Requirements

01 Social Distancing

Staff and customers should maintain six feet distance as much as possible. Avoid lingering and clusters of people gathering. Limit the numbers of people in restrooms and entryways.

02 Masks

Seated customers may remove their face masks. Otherwise, all customers and staff must wear face coverings at all times.

03 Layout

Tables must be set 6 feet apart and from heavy traffic areas like entrances. Tables should seat 6 or fewer people.

04 Sanitizing

Any items customers may touch must be sanitized after each use including tables, chairs, and containers. Clean restrooms frequently, ideally after each customer.



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Care for Customers

01 **Before Seating**
Do not allow customers to gather before or after their meal.
Reservations are recommended.

02 **Ordering**
Menus should be single-use paper, presented as a display like a chalkboard or sign, or accessed via the customer's own mobile device. Staff should limit their time at each table.

03 **At the Table**
Tables should not be pre-set.
Disposable dishware is permitted.
Utensils must be rolled or pre-packaged. Condiments ideally should be provided in single-serving portions.

04 **Health**
Staff and customers who are sick, who have had close contact with someone suspected to have COVID-19 or who have been told to self-isolate should be advised to not visit the establishment. Anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms should be asked to leave.



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Take-Out & Curbside Service Parking

01 Location

5-minute parking spaces in business districts will serve multiple businesses

03 Restrictions

Some 5-minute spaces will be available during all business hours. Other spaces using commercial loading zones will be available evenings only.

02 Use

Spaces will be available for customers and delivery staff. These spaces will service both restaurant and retail businesses.

04 Enforcement

Before 6 pm monitoring is by Traffic Enforcement staff. After 6 pm enforcement is the responsibility of the Chelsea Police Department.

